

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING A HIGHER EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION AND TRACKING SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2018*) (a) The Board of Regents
- 2 for Higher Education, in consultation with The University of
- 3 Connecticut and the Labor Department, shall, within available
- 4 appropriations, collect data on sub-baccalaureate programs and wage
- 5 earning and shall provide such data to a third-party vendor for the
- 6 creation of an Internet web site that shall be known as Launch My
- 7 Career Connecticut. Such Internet web site shall be made publically
- 8 accessible on the Board of Regents for Higher Education's Internet web
- 9 site to assist students and their families with making informed
- 10 decisions concerning higher education and career choices. For the
- 11 purposes of this section, "degree" means associate degree, bachelor's
- 12 degree, master's degree and doctorate degree.
- 13 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University
- 14 of Connecticut shall collect information relating to sub-baccalaureate
- 15 certificate and degree program completion, including, (1) the number

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- of students that have completed a certificate or degree program; (2) the
- 17 types of certificates or majors completed by such students; (3) the
- 18 certificates or degrees earned by such students; (4) the institutions such
- 19 students attended; and (5) the year of completion of such certificate or
- 20 degree programs. Not later than January 1, 2018, and annually
- 21 thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The
- 22 University of Connecticut shall provide such sub-baccalaureate
- 23 completion information to the Labor Department.
- 24 (c) Not later than January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the Labor
- 25 Department shall collect wage information for students who have
- 26 completed a sub-baccalaureate certificate or degree program, including
- 27 the salary of such students one year after completion, five years after
- 28 completion and ten years after completion. The Labor Department
- 29 shall pair the wage information with the corresponding sub-
- 30 baccalaureate completion information. Such paired information shall
- 31 be provided to a third-party vendor in aggregate form and shall be
- 32 made available on the Launch My Career Connecticut Internet web
- 33 site.
- 34 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, The University of
- 35 Connecticut and the Labor Department may utilize existing data
- 36 collection networks to implement the provisions of this section.
- 37 (e) Each public institution of higher education shall post a link to the
- 38 Launch My Career Connecticut Internet web site on such institution's
- 39 Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 January 1, 2018 New section

Statement of Purpose:

To assist students and their families with making informed educational and career decisions.

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